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Dichlorvos Interim Measures

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The purpose of this Re-evaluation Note is to notify registrants, pesticide regulatory officials and the Canadian public of interim label amendments for dichlorvos products.

The re-evaluation of dichlorvos by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) is ongoing. At present, the PMRA is requiring registrants of certain commercial dichlorvos products to make changes to their product labels to limit user exposure.

These changes are intended to do the following:

i) Implement measures for Canadian products that are consistent with measures voluntarily adopted in the United States.

- Discontinuation of hand-held fogger and crack and crevice applications, and implementation of restricted entry intervals for use in mushroom houses.

ii) Remove uses that are not supported by the Canadian technical registrant for re-evaluation by the PMRA.

- These uses include wineries and wine cellars, surface spray applications in dog kennels, and applications by brush or sprayer of a mixed bait to beef cattle, dairy cattle and horses.

iii) Increase consistency on product labels with respect to the personal protective equipment (PPE) required for similar application methods.

- The most restrictive PPE requirements will be adopted for all similar products, and PPE label statements will be clarified.

Measures for the domestic products have already been adopted. These include a reformulation of the pest strip products and changes to use directions that restrict use to areas that are generally unoccupied.